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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
COLEMAN

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY WELCOMES PROPOSED VISIT. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE TRANSPORT MINISTER'S AVAILABILITY WITHOUT DIRECT CONTACT WITH HIS OFFICE, EMBASSY BELIEVES MINISTER WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE SECRETARY COLEMAN ON MARCH 24 IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS. WE ALSO BELIEVE TRANSPORT MINISTRY WOULD OFFER A FULL PROGRAM. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SECRETARY COLEMAN CONSIDER A SHORT VISIT TO WEST BERLIN DURING HIS STAY IN THE FRG. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROSPECT OF VISIT BY SECRETARY COLEMAN. FOR SECURITY REASONS, FRG NO LONGER MAKES ADVANCE SCHEDULES FOR HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS READILY ACCESSIBLE. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE MINISTER GSCHIEDLE'S AVAILABILITY ON MARCH 24 AND 25 WITHOUT APPROACHING FRG TRANSPORT MINISTRY (FMT)
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WITH A SPECIFIC REQUEST. IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS, WE

HAVE NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT MINISTER GSCHEIDLE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE SECRETARY COLEMAN ON THE 24TH, AND THAT THE FMT WOULD OFFER A FULL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES.

3. AS IN THE PAST, WE ASSUME GERMANS WOULD ARRANGE FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION BETWEEN SECRETARY COLEMAN AND PARTY AND POLICY LEVEL FRG OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR VARIOUS FACETS OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION. WE EXPECT FMT OFFICIALS DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH COOPERATIVE US/FRG PROGRAMS (SUCH AS KARL KAPPEL) WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS DURING THE VISIT. WE LIKEWISE SUSPECT GERMANS WOULD PROPOSE A TRIP TO THE MUNICH AREA FOR AN INSPECTION OF HIGH-SPEED GROUND TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS, AND THE RECENTLY COMPLETED MUNICH URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE SECRETARY COLEMAN DURING THE MORNING OF MARCH 24.

4. EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT, IF FEASIBLE, SECRETARY COLEMAN CONSIDER A SHORT VISIT TO WEST BERLIN, WHERE HE COULD INSPECT THE NEWLY-OPENED TEGEL AIRPORT, AND TOUR ALLIED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF BEING UPGRADED. GIVEN UNIQUE U.S. RESPONSIBILITIES (SHARED WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH) FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION OF THE BERLIN CIVIL AIR SERVICES, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE SERVICES TO THE MAINTENANCE OF WEST BERLIN'S LINK TO THE WEST, WE BELIEVE SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE AS A DEMONSTRATION OF HIGH LEVEL U.S. INTEREST IN WEST BERLIN.

5. WE ANTICIPATE SOME MEDIA INTEREST IN SECRETARY COLEMAN'S VISIT, IN VIEW OF THE AMOUNT OF LOCAL PRESS ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE RECENT CONCORDE DECISION. SUBJECT TO THE SECRETARY'S WISHES, WE THINK SOME EXPOSURE TO THE GERMAN AND LOCAL AMERICAN PRESS CORPS MIGHT BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION.

6. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE PROPOSED VISIT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO APPROACH MINISTER GSCHEIDLE'S OFFICE AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT THE FMT AND EMBASSY CAN BEGIN DEVELOPING A FINAL PROGRAM. CIVIL AIR ATTACHE GERALD J. MONROE, EMBASSY EXTENSION 3218, WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR THIS VISIT.
HILLENBRAND

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